IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

MICHAEL P. and SHELLIE GILMOR, et al.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 10-0189-CV-W-ODS
PREFERRED CREDIT CORP., et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Over the objections of several Defendants, Plaintiffs' Motion for Extension of Time (Doc. # 178) is granted. Plaintiffs shall have until and including March 31, 2011, to join additional parties.

The recent history of this case is disappointing. When Defendants make a reasonable request for an extension, it is opposed by Plaintiffs. When Plaintiffs ask for a reasonable extension, it is opposed by Defendants. To date, none of the parties have met the Court's expectations for the high level of professionalism this Court demands of litigants. To be fair, the Court realizes that because of the unusual path this case has taken in getting to this forum, the parties did not receive the standard order outlining those expectations. Accordingly, appended to this order is the "Tenets of Professional Courtesy" adopted by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. COUNSEL SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE COURT EXPECTS ADHERENCE TO THE TENETS BY ATTORNEYS APPEARING IN THIS DIVISION. FURTHER, THE COURT BELIEVES IT TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED FOR PARTIES TO BE AWARE OF THE COURT'S EXPECTATION. TO THAT END, COUNSEL SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE TENETS TO ALL CLIENTS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Ortrie D. Smith
ORTRIE D. SMITH, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: January 25, 2011

TENETS OF PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

I
A LAWYER SHOULD NEVER KNOWINGLY DECEIVE ANOTHER LAWYER.

II
A LAWYER SHOULD HONOR PROMISES OR COMMITMENTS MADE TO ANOTHER LAWYER.

III
A LAWYER SHOULD MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO SCHEDULE MATTERS WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL BY AGREEMENT.

IV
A LAWYER SHOULD MAINTAIN A CORDIAL AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH OPPOSING COUNSEL.

V
A LAWYER SHOULD SEEK SANCTIONS AGAINST OPPOSING COUNSEL ONLY WHERE REQUIRED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CLIENT AND NOT FOR MERE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE.

VI
A LAWYER SHOULD NOT MAKE UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS OF UNETHICAL CONDUCT ABOUT OPPOSING COUNSEL.

VII
A LAWYER SHOULD NEVER INTENTIONALLY EMBARRASS ANOTHER LAWYER AND SHOULD AVOID PERSONAL CRITICISM OF ANOTHER LAWYER.

VIII
A LAWYER SHOULD ALWAYS BE PUNCTUAL.

IX
A LAWYER SHOULD SEEK INFORMAL AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURAL AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS.